The grant formerly awarded by Government to the municipality should be restored.

Persons residing in municipal limits should alone be nominated as members of the Municipal Council.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Pillai, the building of Public Offices on an extensive scale is not a very urgent matter and it can wait till more urgent works that have been undertaken are finished.

Those items of your representation, which deal with roads and bridges may go up before the Road Board to be newly constituted.

Government share the opinion of the District Magistrate that a Magistrate's Court is not necessary at Mavelikara especially because there is a Bench Magistrate's Court there.

I do not at all agree with you that a big building is not necessary for the Girls' High School. I am glad to see that the Girls' High School there has a good building now. You want a good building for the Boys' High School also. That question will be taken up and considered.

You then referred to the District Hospital. As I observed once before, there are no different grades of hospitals as I, II or III grade hospitals. All hospitals are hospitals. The hospital there is well-equipped and already an estimate is under consideration for a variety of improvements to it. The Administrative Board has already taken up much more in the way of improvements than you are asking for. The question of opening a pay-ward will be considered. The question of appointing a lady doctor and two European nursing sisters will also be considered.

The question of opening a Vaidyasala there is a matter which the Municipality can very well take up.

The question of removing all liquor shops in the town must stand over till the experiment of local option at Changanachery is carried out.

The reason why the annual grant of Rs. 500 to the Municipality was stopped is this. We discovered that the Municipality has been hoarding money. A municipality that has a large cash balance has no need of any contributions or grants.

I have nothing more to say in regard to the subject of nominations to the Municipality besides what I said at the last session of the Assembly; and that will remain as the policy of Government.

124. Needs of the Kottayam municipality.

MR. T. C. CHACKO (*Member, Municipal Council, Kottayam*) spoke on the following needs of the Kottayam municipality:—

A resident medical officer should be appointed in the Kottayam hospital. A representation was made on the same subject at the last session of the Assembly, and it was stated in reply that the proposals of the Medical Board were under examination, but no orders were yet issued in the matter. The appointment of a resident medical officer

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had become absolutely necessary, in view of the growing motor traffic of Kottayam and the consequent increase in accidents requiring immediate medical aid.

A separate women and children's hospital should be established at Kottayam. The only two women and children's hospitals in the State were situated one at Quilon and the other at Trivandrum. In the case of South Travancore, though there were no Sirkar institutions of the kind there, the mission hospitals were working very efficiently. But in North Travancore there were no such facilities existing. Hence a women and children's hospital was very necessary at a central place like Kottayam. Pending the provision of such an institution an additional woman deputy surgeon might be appointed in the hospital.

More buildings should be put up in the hospital. At present there was no pay ward in the hospital and no kitchen. When separate accommodation was required for any in-patients, the verandahs were partitioned with screens and temporary rooms were being formed. As for cooking, it was often done under shades of trees. The dispensary was held in a building of mud, bamboo and thatties. It was in a rickety condition and nobody knew when it would break down. More substantial buildings with adequate accommodation should be provided for the hospital as well as the dispensary.

The small-pox shed should be removed from the hospital compound to some far-off place.

The night-soil which was now deposited in a part of the public cemetery in the heart of the town should be taken to some place far away from the town, lest it should be a source of nuisance to the public.

The road along the southern side of the Thirunakara temple should be thrown open for traffic and should be made cartable, so that patients residing in the western parts of Kottayam might get an easy access to the hospital.

The police lock-up at Kottayam should be improved.

All head-constables and constables who had been stationed at Kottayam for more than one year should be transferred from there. Such a transfer of all the old veterans would help the detection of the various thefts that had recently occurred at Kottayam.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Chacko, as regards the question of appointing a Resident Medical Officer for the Kottayam District Hospital, the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has already placed their recommendations before Government which are receiving consideration. Whatever improvements and additions are found to be necessary for the District Hospital will be provided as occasion demands. I do not see that a convincing case has yet been made out for a Women and Children's Hospital at Kottayam. There is a woman doctor, nursing sisters and midwives in the hospital, who are able to meet the

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requirements of women patients. After all Kottayam is a small place unlike Alleppey, Nagercoil or Quilon. For the provision of additional cells at the Police lock up at Kottayam an estimate was received by the Chief Engineer who found no provision in the budget for this year. So the estimate must stand over till 1105 when alone funds will be available.

125. Needs of Tiruvalla.

MR. K. J. ABRAHAM (*Member, Municipal Council, Tiruvalla*) said that the Tiruvalla market canal could be rendered more useful by widening and deepening the Vayalapalli canal. The latter was a canal connecting the Tiruvalla market canal and the Peringara canal. The improvement of this canal was the subject of representations both at the 23rd and 24th sessions of the Assembly. It was only about two furlongs in length. By improving the canal, a direct route could be established between Alleppey and Tiruvalla. A bridge should be put up at the Muthur Kadavu on the Danapadi-Muthur road. On both sides of this road there were many temples, churches, and other public institutions. For want of a bridge here, several accidents were taking place year by year.

The Kuttapuzha scheme should be investigated soon. The public also might be taken into confidence in this matter and they might be informed of the measures proposed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abraham, improvement of the Tiruvalla market canal is in progress.

You want a bridge at the 4th furlong of the second mile of the canal. You just said that the principal purpose of the canal is the transport of goods to Alleppey for trade. I do not see how that main purpose will be served by a bridge there. In any case it can wait. It is not a very urgent matter.

In regard to Kuttapuzha todu, I have only to repeat what I said the other day.

126. Needs of the Alleppey town.

MR. K. A. PICHABAVA SAHEB (*Member, Municipal Council, Alleppey*) said that the Alleppey municipality was in receipt of a yearly grant of Rs. 3,691 from Government. But the annual expenditure of the municipality varied roughly from Rs. 7,000 in 1099 to about Rs. 9,000 in 1103. The roads in the town were in the charge of the municipality. For supervising the maintenance of the roads the municipality had appointed an officer on a pay of Rs. 30-50. But the condition of the roads was still far from satisfactory, due mainly to increase of traffic. Government should see that the roads were metalled by the Public Works Departmet. The lanes in the town should also be converted into roads.

Government should make arrangements for supply of good water at Alleppey.

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